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Foundation taken aback by cuts

by JENN WATT
Editor

While the Minden Hills tax levy will quite likely be a 10 per cent increase over 2015, CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told council at their meeting Feb. 25 that most of that was due to policing and growth.

The township will need to bring in an additional \$618,000 in 2016, the draft budget documents show. Of that, \$391,800 goes to OPP billing, which is in its second year of a five-year phase-in with costs growing each year.

"If you take policing out of the equation, and you take growth out of the equation what we're looking at here is a 2.66 per cent increase over 2015," Blanchard told council.

At the meeting she gave an overview of costs and delivered the good news that water and sewer rates will not be increasing in 2016. She also said she anticipates a surplus from 2015, which she recommended be put into capital project reserves.

Another feature of the budget is to set aside \$120,000 for renovations and upgrades to the arena.

"The 2016 first draft budget (similar to 2015) includes a contribution to reserves that will be converted to a debenture payment upon completion of the anticipated renovations/upgrades to the arena/community centre," Blanchard's report reads.

The arena needs millions of dollars of renovations.

It was this figure that started councillors on a conversation about the controversial \$50,000 cut to the cultural centre budget.

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Highlander of the Year

Joanne Barnes smiles after being announced as this year's Highlander of the Year, an award she received from Lakeview Motel/Resort's John and Holly McDonald at the 10th annual Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Barnes also accepted the Not-for-Profit of the Year Award on behalf of Fuel for Warmth. See story on page 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

Merchants revive business association

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Themes will be a major theme for a re-awakened business association in Minden.

Merchants from the village's downtown, as well as business people from outside the core, are banding together to revive the Minden Hills Business Association, or MBA.

An inaugural meeting of the revitalized

group took place at the Dominion Hotel Feb. 24 and included representation from a number of businesses including the Wild Swan B&B, Re/Max, Sassy Digs, Ommh Beauty Boutique, Bucket of Blonde, Highlands Studio and Ink Works and Monk's Funeral Home, among others.

Also in attendance was Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, members of the Minden Promoters and downtown landlord and decorator Sinclair Russell.

The group is co-chaired by Dominion

Hotel and Grill on the Gull owner Shawn Chamberlin and Molly McInerney of Molly's Bistro Bakery and Mike McKeon of Up River Trading Co. has volunteered to act as treasurer.

Other attempts to revive a business association for Minden have fallen flat, but with a number of new businesses setting up shop in the community in recent years, Chamberlin believes now is the time.

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Council discusses cultural centre cuts

from page 1

"My concern is if we're putting this much money to a new arena, we have another complex right next door that isn't really being used in the way we want," Councillor Pam Sayne said of the cultural centre.

She suggested money going to the arena be cut to \$100,000 with \$20,000 going to the cultural centre for the coming year.

Blanchard said it wasn't a good idea to put that kind of money into the centre for a year and then removing it the next.

"Raiding one department ... for another one that has challenges I think is bad management," Reeve Brent Devolin said.

Sayne said her worry was that Minden Hills was creating more infrastructure when it couldn't keep up with the buildings it already had. The cultural centre didn't need a yearly \$20,000, she said, but a funding boost to get programming moving would be helpful.

Blanchard pointed out that there is a surplus this year and that should there be a project the cultural centre needed funding for, that might be a place to find money. There are also many grants for getting ideas off the ground, she said.

"Throwing money at the cultural centre isn't a fix," Devolin said.

"I don't have confidence, so, I'd love to see the committee and others come forward with recommendations that have money attached."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch then launched a defence of the cultural centre, urging councillors to continue their commitment to rejuvenating the institution.

"The heart and soul was taken out of that place by the previous council," she said. "Volunteers who had served many years were basically told we don't need you anymore. You can go home now."

She said volunteers needed to be coaxed back in order to move forward.

"Don't let it go down the drain."

Devolin said he didn't want to shut down the cultural centre, but they needed to change direction.

Blanchard advised that council needed to settle on the amount of money it was willing to spend annually on the cultural centre.

"That's not uncommon to say, let's strip it down and ... see what efficiencies we can find that currently aren't there," she said.

Council isn't in the business of micromanaging the daily activities of the township, Devolin said, so funding was one of the only tools council had at its disposal to effect change.

Cultural centre foundation weighs in

Jack Brezina was the first delegation of the day, following the lengthy discussion on the cuts to the cultural centre. Brezina is vice-chairman of the cultural centre foundation, which had been "in hibernation" over the last several years due to the previous council.

"Morale has suffered a great deal and it's not just because of the current situation, it's because of the previous administration, in my mind," he said. "Volunteers have withered, support from other people has disappeared."

He noted that the foundation had done much fundraising and was a key connection to the larger community and was just on its way to starting up again.

"The cuts that were announced ... set us back on our heels,"

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current situation, it's because of the previous administration, in my mind.

—MHCC FOUNDATION VICE-CHAIRMAN JACK BREZINA

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he told council.

He questioned the notion that the utility of the centre could be summed up in visitor numbers, particularly taken in winter months when little to no programming is happening, suggesting that the arena, as an example, would also have some months when few people came through the doors.

Arts and culture rarely pay for themselves, Brezina said, but they are a necessary resource if a community is to be well-rounded and attractive to new visitors and potential residents.

"We don't have solutions to offer you today other than to suggest that some careful planning needs to be done to protect the operation of the MHCC, even as you search for ways to reduce the operational costs. The Foundation is back and wants to support the facility in all its aspects, but we need to know the municipality will continue to provide reasonable operational support for the centre as well, if we are to become fully engaged again," read a letter Brezina presented to council.

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Community to be decorated in themes

from page 1

“There is a lot of energy in the business community right now,” he wrote in an email to the paper. “New stores have opened up with new owners. Investments are being made all the time in the business community. There are new businesses in our community. It’s a good time to get together. Some of us were talking about the fact that we tried to do too much in the past and I think many from the community were overwhelmed. This time we’ve decided the best strategy is the same as in eating an elephant – you can do it one bite at a time. Moving ahead we’ll be successful at a few ‘little’ things ... one bite at a time.”

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— SHAWN CHAMBERLIN, CO-CHAIR OF THE
MINDEN HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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One of those things will be regular, themed decorating of the community, as suggested by Russell.

For March, that theme will be Maple Magic and the downtown will be outfitted in maple-tree-tapping costume. March 26 will be Maple Magic Day, with eateries encouraged to offer maple-infused items on their menus and an event for the evening is in the works.

Other suggestions were that merchants celebrate Minden’s 157th birthday on April 1 with festive trimmings and, potentially, a black fly theme for May.

The membership fee for businesses is to be kept reasonable. A rate of \$10 per month has been suggested, to help with signage, advertising, etc.

Membership is open all businesses in the township of Minden Hills and Chamberlin believes there can be mutual benefit for all as the community continues to grow and change.

The Beer Store, for example, will be moving from its long-time home along Water Street to Highway 35 this year.

“There will be a lot of enhancements to our community as we grow and develop,” Chamberlin wrote. “We really have a great story to tell the public about the businesses in this community and it needs to be told. We can tell the story better together. There are great synergies to be had. I think every business association is different. In our case we’ll all benefit from the opportunity to build community awareness especially of events that we are running separately and together, to leverage common themes. And there are a lot of bright minds in the business community that will help with future ideas.”

The group plans to meet on a quarterly basis. The next meeting of the MBA is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dominion.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar 10

9:00 am, COTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers,
to be followed by a Special meeting of Council
re: 2016 Budget Approval

Mar 31

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on March 10, 2016 following the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is in reference to the 2016 Budget and to adopt the 2016 Annual Budget for Minden Cemetery Board, Minden Water Rates By-law, Minden Sewer Rates By-law, Lutterworth Water Rates By-law and 2016 Estimates By-law. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext 205 or email: dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

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Scott tables human trafficking bill

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is continuing her fight against human trafficking in Ontario.

Scott tabled Bill 158, the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, as a private member's bill in the provincial legislature last month.

The bill calls for restraining-order-type protection of victims, as well as the right to sue their traffickers.

In late 2014, Scott, who is the PC party's critic for women's issues, spearheaded the creation of an all-party standing committee on sexual violence and harassment, on which she served as vice-chair.

An alarming finding in the committee's final report, which was released last year, was the frequency of human trafficking – typically of young girls and women for sexual purposes – occurring in Ontario.

“While human trafficking is commonly associated with foreign victims crossing international borders, recent charges and convictions indicate that the vast majority of victims in Canada (over 90 per cent) are trafficked domestically (i.e., all stages of the trafficking occur within Canadian borders),” the report read. “Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation has been found to be the most common form of trafficking in Canada, with Ontario functioning as a major ‘hub.’ In these cases, traffickers force victims to provide sexual services to customers, usually in exchange for money.”

Scott has been calling on the province to deal with what she calls a form of modern day slavery.

The bill is divided into three main sections.

Teacher, students injured

Three members of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were involved in a serious car accident on Thursday, Feb. 25.

“One teacher and two students were injured on their way to an OFSAA Nordic ski competition in Collingwood yesterday,” Catherine Shedden, communications manager of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, confirmed in an email to the paper.

The students have minor injuries and the teacher, Jennifer Paton, was seriously injured and is in hospital.

The school board is not releasing the names

The first part proclaims there should be a day of awareness for human trafficking as there seems to little public understanding as to the severity of the problem.

The second suggests expanding current legislation and proposes that protection orders be able to be taken out directly against traffickers. Similar to a restraining order, a protection order would require a perpetrator stay away from a victim for a minimum of three years or face a penalty of \$50,000, two years in jail, or both.

The second section of the bill also calls for a new tort to be created, allowing victims to go after traffickers for damages.

“It’s the right to sue,” Scott said, adding that often victims are overwhelmed by the idea of taking perpetrators to criminal court.

The third part of the bill requests that the current definition of “sexual offence” be expanded.

“Ontario is far behind other provinces when it comes to combatting human trafficking and taking significant action,” Scott said. “I have been calling for the set-up of a task force for nine months starting last May, and have been working continuously with survivors, police and victim services providers in relation to my select committee work. This bill is meant to signal the start of a long line of discussion, consultation, collaboration and legislation needed to combat modern day slavery in Ontario.”

The bill received its second reading in Queen’s Park on Feb. 18, but what happens to it next is up to the Liberal government.

“They have to call it,” Scott said, At that point, her bill would go be studied by a committee, before coming back to the legislature for a third reading.

of the students as they don’t have permission from the families at this time.

“Counsellors are at the school to assist in sharing this information and offering support to staff and students,” Shedden said on Friday.

“We are all hoping for a quick recovery for all involved.”

In a text message, Jennifer’s husband Blake Paton said, “although her injuries were life threatening, she is progressing well and is expected to recover from them.”

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AMO releases provincial budget wish list

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario – an organization advocating the interests of the province's 444 municipal governments – made a number of suggestions to the provincial government as it formulated the 2016 budget.

Infrastructure is a chief concern for the AMO and the continuation of an uploading agreement between the province and municipalities is the No. 1 recommendation the AMO's pre-budget submission for 2016.

"The ongoing upload that began in 2008 of some previously downloaded provincial programs, must continue to full maturity in 2018," the AMO's submission reads. "Why? Because the funds that are no longer sent to the province are being invested in municipal infrastructure and services.

From 2003 to 2008, before the upload, infrastructure spending averaged almost \$4 billion annually. From 2008 to 2012 it averaged above \$6 billion annually with \$8 billion in 2010, the stimulus year. For 2013, municipal investments exceeded \$7 billion annually. Both orders of government have been upholding their sides of the agreement and there should be no cause for change."

According to the AMO, municipalities own 67 per cent of the infrastructure in Ontario and costs for overdue infrastructure and social housing repairs are another major concern for the organization.

"As noted previously, we are making some inroads but we have a long way to go," the submission reads. "For example,

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It is estimated that the capital repair backlog for the social housing sector stands at \$1.5 billion.

— ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO

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it is estimated that the capital repair backlog for the social housing sector stands at \$1.5 billion. The deferred maintenance for roads and bridges, water, wastewater, stormwater, transit, conservation authorities, and solid waste is \$5.9 billion in 2006 dollars. Then there are the new capital needs such as transit, social housing and roads. Where we have to go involves more investment in deferred maintenance for all assets so that the existing infrastructure can meet its life expectancy before it needs replacement. This is important to the smaller and larger municipal governments.

While large strategic projects can invigorate the economy, so can small projects help local economies across all Ontario."

Joint and several liability reform is also on the list. Under joint and several liability, in a legal case with multiple de-

fendants, if one or more of those defendants is unable to pay damages, their damages can be transferred to defendants with the ability to pay.

"Municipal governments are increasingly the targets of litigation when other defendants do not have the means to pay high damage awards," the submission reads. "This exposure has contributed to higher risks which, in turn, drive up insurance costs and settlements. The legislature passed a resolution with all-party support to seek solutions. We had arrived at several options that provided some limitation when others cannot pay their court-determined share. We need to get back to work on these."

Other items in the document are concern over the continued decrease in equalization payouts from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and a request to simplify municipal reporting requirements to the province.

"In Ontario, we collect approximately \$19 billion in own source property taxes," its conclusion reads.

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IMAGINE FOR MARCH, which is maple-tapping time in Haliburton County, Minden's downtown decked out with sap buckets and spring kites.

It's a vision that will come to fruition very shortly, as Minden's merchants revive a business association for the community.

It's been a few years since the last attempt to revive the business association in Minden Hills township. It sort of fizzled out, but a few years on, and with a number of new, savvy businesses opening up in Minden in the meantime, it seems an ideal time for the phoenix of the association to take flight.

"New stores have opened up with new owners," the Dominion Hotel's Shawn Chamberlin, who is one of the group's co-chairs, told the paper. "Investments are being made all the time in the business community. There are new businesses in our community. It's a good time to get together."

Chamberlin is right and certainly a strong showing at a meeting last week, despite horrible weather, demonstrates a healthy, renewed interest in the concept.

Chamberlin said he thought in the past, the association tried to accomplish too many things at once. This time around, there

will be more focus on doing a few things very well.

One of those things, emanating from the brain of downtown landlord and design guru Sinclair Russell, is a regular, themed decorating of the community, putting Minden in different costumes that exhibit its local culture and unique personality.

Fantastic.

As the syrup season sets in, March will be Maple Magic. Not only will Minden's downtown get a sugar-bush-style makeover,

but business owners are encouraged to embrace the theme by offering maple-infused foods or promoting other maple products.

It's fun, it's seasonal and reflective of the community.

Many communities have business

associations or business improvement areas and they can be incredibly beneficial when it comes to community beautification and business cross-promotion. Uniting behind common themes is a fun way for local businesses to support one another and should, hopefully, drive up consumer traffic, resulting in mutual benefit.

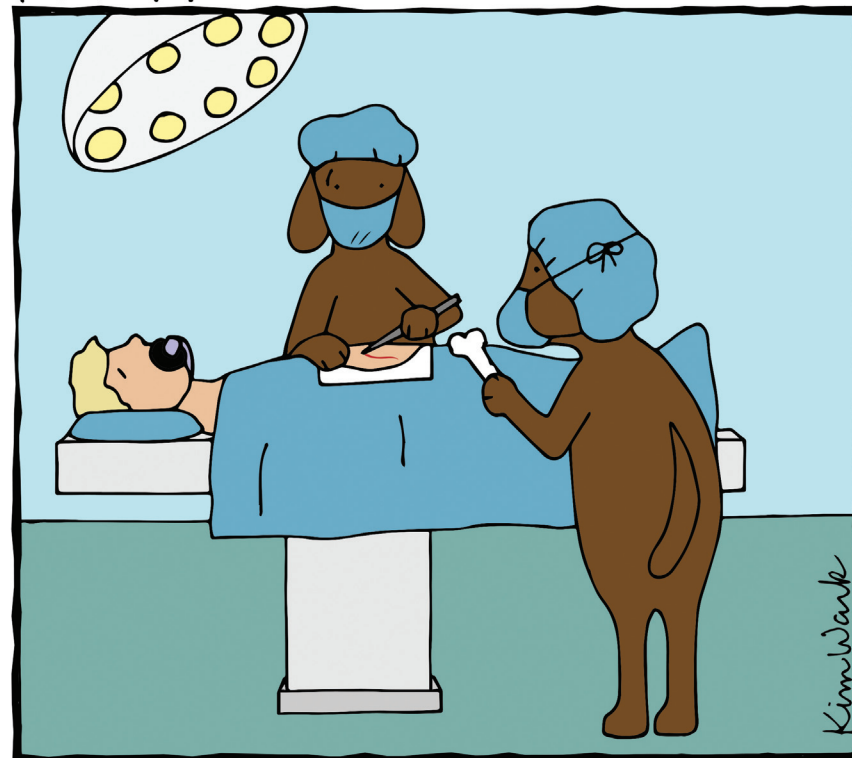
With co-operation from the Township of Minden Hills and community groups, it seems like the revitalized business association is heading for success.

And certainly success is a theme the whole community can get behind.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

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'WHAT A GREAT SPOT TO BURY A BONE!'

So much for modeling

THERE'S A BIT of a kerfuffle – I believe that's the correct word – going on regarding Toronto Men's Fashion week of late.

The story is that organizers are shutting out any male model under 6 feet and over 6-foot-2, which is patently ridiculous, especially when you consider Derek Zoolander, the greatest male model of all time, is a mere 5-foot-9.

These height restrictions might not seem like a big thing to most of you but they really bother me.

You see, I was hoping to go into male modeling after I retired.

I mean it seems like the ideal job for a senior.

Think about it. Someone dresses you. You go for a brief walk and then return to where you came from. It's not too strenuous. You get to see people. There's no heavy lifting. It's like mall walking but with better pay.

I know there aren't many male models 65 or older, but I was hoping that would change based on our aging demographics.

Besides, people over 65 are uniquely qualified to be models. The main reason is that they are not easily embarrassed. Years of trying on poorly fitting hospital gowns and wearing socks with sandals have, in fact, made most seniors practically embarrassment proof – which, based on what I have seen of the clothes they make models wear, is pretty well an essential skill.

Also, as I understand it, a model also needs to have a good smile. Most seniors bought a set of those long ago.

Truthfully, it just makes more sense.

Even if that were the case, however, I still wouldn't qualify. Unfortunately, the fact that I'm a mere 9 inches below the standard height for male models seems to trump the fact that I have mad skills when

it comes to modeling.

I think the designers are missing out most.

For instance, if I were to become a long underwear model, they'd save money on material.

Needless to say, all this has to do with heightism.

I know it's an ugly topic and no one wants to admit they are a heightist, but the truth is we live in a heightist society from the top down.

Just because we now call it little person tossing instead of midget tossing doesn't mean things are better for my people.

Heightism strikes, as you would expect, in little ways.

Don't believe me? Well, consider this: airlines now have seats to accommodate larger people, yet whenever I sit in an airplane seat my feet still swing helplessly off the floor? Oh, and just try stuffing your carry on in the overhead rack when you are my height.

Don't even get me started on the NBA. I ruled that out as

a career option from a very young age. In fact, if I needed to hide from the rest of the world, I'd go to the last place anyone would ever look for me – a basketball court.

You know it's true.

Frankly, I think it's low time we short people started a political movement and educated the rest of the world on our plight. Isn't that right my Shorties? Oh, and just so you know, it's wrong to use the S-word unless you're one of us.

I'm using this argument because the fashion industry is particularly sensitive about criticism these days as evidenced by the fact that plus sized models are gaining more acceptance.

Come on Toronto Men's Fashion week. Get with the times. Either raise the runway or lower the unreachable ceiling.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The Next Revolution

A MALAISE – THAT VAGUE SENSE THAT SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT – has us in its grip.

It's not the March malaise that accompanies the weariness of winter and yearning for spring. It's a malaise that has been growing for some time, and it is shared by others beyond our own confines, in fact throughout the western world.

This malaise is a deep uneasiness about our economy, our political systems and our way of life in general.

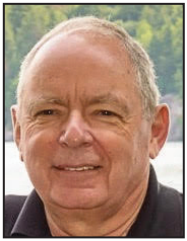
Feelings that something is not right with our lives are not uncommon. They are part of the tides of life, flowing and ebbing on the tragedies and triumphs of living. They usually are chased away by optimism that things can and will get better.

I hope I am wrong with this one, but I don't believe that things will get better. At least not for a long time. There is a evidence that we are stuck in this one and only revolutionary change will begin to move us forward again.

We have lived with a stagnant economy for years, either in or skirting the edges of recession. New full-time jobs are not abundant and job security and long-employment are relics from the last century.

The growing inequality between the rich and the so-called middle class is obvious. Many of us have a harder time keeping up with costs than we did last year. More of us are working long past when we expected to be retired.

A growing number of people now believe that life for their children and grandchildren will not be better, or even as good, as theirs.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Listening to all the high-tech sales people out there you would think we are living in a life-altering revolution. We are not. The much touted information technology revolution has not changed the basics of our lives. In fact, real changes in living have been few over the past 50 years or more.

Sure, medical advances have increased life spans but almost all of our modern advances are built on discoveries and inventions made many decades ago. The only genuine new thing is the Internet.

My home today is much the same as my grandparents' home of the late 1950s. Turn a tap and water runs. Flick

a switch and lights come on. There is a TV in the living room and an automobile in the driveway. The only thing I have that they did not is a personal computer, which allows me to do things much more quickly, and unfortunately sometimes with less thought.

Shapes, colours and the general quality of our stuff have changed, but the basics have not.

Nowhere is the malaise more obvious than in the U.S. where this year's presidential election race sees voters turning to outsiders such as Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders.

Noam Chomsky, the famed American academic, said in an interview last week that economic uncertainty and loss of social cohesion are driving more people to right wing leaders.

"People feel isolated, helpless, victim(s) of powerful forces that they do not understand and cannot influence."

However, the political outsiders are not going to help them. Neither are the establishment insiders.

Our governments are ad agencies rolling out fantasies that life is getting better for all. Whatever you need, whatever you want they are going to get it for you because they cannot exist without your vote.

It is easy sometimes to think of our politicians as corrupt, or just plain stupid. In most cases they are not. They are just people like us, but who spend too much time in meetings convincing each other they have discovered brilliant new ways to change anything.

Our world has stalled and will stay stalled until we realize that we must change a system that demands more building, more production, more profits, and more of everything. We are going to have to learn to live happily and comfortably with less.

How we get ourselves and our politicians to realize and accept that presents a huge challenge. How we manage to achieve it after accepting it is another.

Changing our systems of living is where the next revolution lies.

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Bird count reveals 46 species

Snow was the key element of this year's count, as everyone who was out and about on Dec. 19 knows only too well. Green grass and bare ground at dusk on Dec. 18 was replaced by as much as 40 centimetres of snow in parts of the count circle by dusk the next day. It was unfortunate that many waterfowl that were present on lakes couldn't be seen from shore. Numbers of other birds recorded were also lower due to limited visibility and the fact that many birds took shelter for the day.

Despite the difficult conditions, those out searching and those watching at home or on their snowy drives managed to find 46 species plus an additional three species during the three days before and after the count. Highlights included a second ever Pine Warbler coming to suet at a feeder near South Lake and the second ever White-crowned Sparrow feeding in a weedy ditch near Miner's Bay Lodge. The four Common Loons was well short of the record nine spotted in 1999. No doubt a number of others were present, hidden by the snow. The female Wood Duck accompanying a flock of Mallards on Mountain Lake was only the sixth record, the second year in a row one was found. A Great Blue Heron that surprised a driver as it flew across the road north of Kinmount was the first since 2003.

A total of five species out of the 46 were included only because folks reported birds in their neighbourhoods and on their travels, showing how vital the contribution of everyone is to the success of this effort. There

were 21 folks out braving the slippery roads and swirling snow for the day and 29 others who helped immensely by reporting birds they spotted during the day.

No new birds were added to the long list of species spotted over the years, so the cumulative total remains at 104. Still, that's pretty impressive for an inland count in the heart of South-central Ontario. It speaks not only to the diversity of habitat within this count circle, but even more to the perseverance and hard work of the many participants over the past 49 years.

As is to be expected, over the years there has been a variety of weather to deal with, but I think this year's snow was the most accumulated on any count day. Over the years, weather has been quite accommodating. I can remember walking along the shore of Gull Lake one year in shirt sleeves counting small flocks of Golden-crowned Kinglets in temperatures well above freezing. But another year my canoeing partner and I had to slide our canoe over ice that had formed in a section of the Gull River where the current was insufficient to keep the water from freezing at temperatures well below zero Fahrenheit.

Next year's count takes place on Saturday, Dec. 17. That will be the 50th. We'd like to have as many people who've been involved in counts over the past 49 years join us to celebrate. So spread the word.

Of course, if you've never been involved before, we'd really like you to join us too.

- Submitted by Dennis Barry

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Special thank you to Honourary Member Mike Jaycock, who has been the Gala's MC from the start!

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Grant Roughley of North Frontenac Telephone Company speaks with Minden Hills council on Thursday, Feb. 25, Roughley gave council an update on where NFTC is at with its feasibility study regarding bringing fibre Internet potentially to the villages of Bancroft, Haliburton and Minden.

JENN WATT
Staff



Company looking at bringing fibre optic cable to county

by JENN WATT
Editor

Small communities like Minden, Bancroft and Haliburton could be ideal candidates for a fibre optic network, Grant Roughley of North Frontenac Telephone Company told Minden Hills council during their meeting Feb. 25.

NFTC is considering the three towns, among others, for expansion of the service, which typically brings speeds between 10 and 100 times faster than standard DSL services (depending on the current state of a customer's Internet connection and the package they subscribe to).

Along with Internet, NFTC also offers TV and phone services.

Roughley told council that the company is looking at the three communities in a "preliminary review of layout or pre-design that feeds into a feasibility [study] where we look at capital cost, we look at the potential market size and the potential absorption rate."

He said they are about 75 per cent through that process now.

Should the company move forward in Minden or Haliburton, they would likely use the "backbone" of fibre built by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which was a collective effort by eastern Ontario municipalities to expand high-speed Internet to the area.

In a follow-up with Roughley after the meeting, he clarified that "this will depend how competitive the rates associated with the EORN project are compared to current market rates."

Although Haliburton County's municipalities recently signed on to a broadband deal that expanded fibre to 24 public buildings, that

move is municipal in nature, not residential.

Councillor Pam Sayne asked Roughley how many residents in Minden Village could expect to receive service, should the company go forward.

"There are limitations," he said. "You start to look at where there's a dilution to the point where it becomes too expensive, but there's also methodologies in our current communities ... there's line of sight towers, short-range towers. There's ways to extend capacity that you're getting from your fibre network."

NFTC is based in Sharbot Lake, north of Kingston, which is a small rural community. He said the company, therefore, had dealt with sparsely populated regions before.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he thought it would be useful for council to assume the service would be offered in the approximate region where water and sewer extend.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon asked about price.

Roughley said he didn't want to speculate before the feasibility study was done, but pointed out that they would have to offer competitive prices in order to attract enough customers to make it worthwhile.

"I'm encouraged," Devolin said, "if you're three-quarters of the way through and you're still feeling confident that we can raise the bar."

Roughley will be updating councils in Bancroft and Haliburton over the next month.

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Young Minden residents Aaron Neave, 9, left, rushes the puck against older brother Aiden, 13, while Gage Hutchinson looks on, waiting for a pass from his teammate during a pickup game of road hockey on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The boys, like other Trillium Lakelands District School Board students, were off from school for a snow day because of the winter storm warnings. /DARREN LUM Staff



Gage Hutchinson throws the puck up in the air during a pickup game of road hockey on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff



Road Hockey

The Neave brothers Aaron, 9, left, and Aiden 13, of Minden chose to play some road hockey when the buses cancelled on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Minden. The boys were among hundreds of students in Trillium Lakelands District School Board who stayed at home. /DARREN LUM Staff

Bill 73 contains fewer constraints than original draft

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Bill 73, the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, was passed by the provincial government in December.

The legislation, which according to the province is designed to give citizens greater influence on the planning process and increase transparency and accountability, makes changes to the Planning Act.

While some municipal politicians, including some in the county, had expressed concerns the bill imposed unnecessary and even harmful restrictions on municipalities, a number of revisions were made to the bill before it was passed in

Queen's Park.

"We have had some effect on this," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin during a recent Minden Hills council meeting.

Last fall, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, which represents the interests of municipal governments throughout the province, lobbied the province requesting that a number of amendments be made to the bill.

One of the biggest changes to the legislation since the draft at first reading was regarding a two-year moratorium to be put on certain kinds of developments.

The original draft of the legislation contained stipulations that following the adoption of an official plan, there would be a two-year moratorium for any applications requiring an official plan amendment, as well as applications amending

a replacement of a zoning by-law or applications for minor variances in cases of owner-initiated site-specific zoning.

Last year, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey had said this stipulation could tie council's hands, delaying business development and impacting the economy.

In the final legislation, this two-year moratorium can be waived by a vote of council.

Other major changes under the legislation are the removal of the ability to make global appeals of official plans, that is, to challenge the adoption of an official plan as whole, and a lengthening of the required review process for official plans from every five years to every 10.

The bill also narrows the scope of appeals that can proceed to the Ontario Municipal Board.



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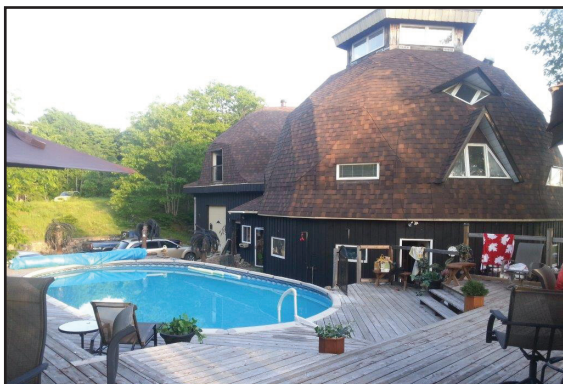


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Chamber of Commerce marks decade of awards

by JENN WATT
Editor

Fuel for Warmth and the woman who founded it received a hearty community thank-you on Saturday night when both the charity and Joanne Barnes took home Not-for-Profit of the Year and Highlander of the Year at the Business and Community Achievement Awards.

The evening celebrated excellence in the public and private sector, calling attention to hard work, perseverance and charity within the Highlands community. This is the 10th year that the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has hosted the event – and the 10th year for MC Mike Jaycock.

“Food insecurity looms for many residents of Haliburton County. The consequences often go beyond hunger affecting all aspects of life, family, education and health,” said Jaycock, reading the anonymous judge’s words in selecting Barnes for the award. Barnes is manager and founder of Fuel for Warmth. She is also the manager of the Minden Community Food Centre, which includes community kitchen and food bank.

“She cares deeply about the clients of the services and treats everyone with dignity and respect,” the judge’s note read.

Barnes was humble in accepting the award, saying it was all in a day’s work.

“What I do is just everyday for me. It’s wonderful to be acknowledged and even without the acknowledgement I would still be out there doing it. I enjoy helping people. It’s nice to see them come into the office very downtrodden, but when they leave the office they have less weight on their shoulders. My mandate is to feed people and keep them warm,” she said.

When it came to the Not-for-Profit of the Year, it was noted that Fuel for Warmth had served some 400 families since it was established in 2009. The program assists with whatever type of heating the home uses, from oil to wood pellets. In the last two years, the Christmas Shindig fundraiser has raised more than \$23,000 for the organization.

The Business Achievement Award was given this year to Moose FM.

“In a time when competition for commercial radio is fierce, in 2015, 93.5 Moose FM was Vista Radio’s No. 1 station out of 64 with regard to listener engagement,” the judge’s comments read, going on to note the station’s ongoing commitment to raising money for the food banks and health care via radiothons. The award was accepted by Moose FM host Rick Lowes.

Customer First Business Award was given to Big Hawk Lake Marina.

The judges noted that the marina was the heart of the community, providing friendly service and going out of their way to help patrons. For example, they keep their own boats in the water long after most cottagers have put theirs away and lend them out for free to those who need to make unscheduled trips back to their properties before the ice comes in. They also installed a defibrillator at the marina to improve safety for the community. Owners Ron and Kathy Socha accepted the award.

The Customer First Employee Award was one of the surprises of the evening,

“I enjoy helping people. It’s nice to see them come into the office very downtrodden, but when they leave the office they have less weight on their shoulders.”

— JOANNE BARNES

with the judges deciding in its inaugural year each of those employees nominated for giving excellent service would share the award. The winners were Cody Cox (Todd’s Independent), Dave Adams (Sir Sam’s Inn), Gail Crowe (Remedy Rx), Heather Kennedy (The Highlander), Ian Anderson (Chaulk Woodworking), Jason Cochrane (Dollo’s Foodland), Paul Walker (Walker’s Home Hardware), Ryan Urquhart (Halco Electronics), Sandra Stevens (Pinestone Resort), Stevi Young (Highland Glass and Windows), Terri Johnson (HHHS long-term care), Vicki Fraser (Haliburton County Public Library).

Entrepreneur of the Year Award was given to Jim Love of Digital Reno. Being an entrepreneur is about taking risks, the judge wrote. “Nothing is more fraught with risk than picking up stakes and moving to rural Ontario to launch a new idea,” which is what Love did, bringing his tech company to Haliburton with intentions of creating sustainable high-tech jobs.

The Innovation and Creativity Award was given to Into the Blue Bakery, which can be found around the county making wood-fired pizza. Recently, owner Janine Papadopoulos expanded with a bread and bagel club, to further the business through the winter season.

“Without a storefront location, Janine was able to negotiate the use of two local kitchens: Baked and Battered ... and Abbey Gardens,” the judge’s comments read. Seven local people are employed by the company in the summer and Papadopoulos gives back by doing charitable work and donating five per cent of profits to local food initiatives.

“You have embraced me in my short five years here in Haliburton and you’ve allowed me to do something I’m passionate about: baking,” Papadopoulos said.

The New Business Award went to ACM Designs, a company owned by Andria Cowan Molyneaux, providing residential interior decorating specializing in aging in place. The judge noted that Cowan Molyneaux did substantial volunteering, has a specialty in providing design solutions to make homes more accessible and has been writing a column in *County Life* newspaper, sharing her knowledge with readers.

“I was very lucky to retire from 22 years of policing in Toronto and I thought, what would be the most natural thing to do? Go into interior design,” laughed Cowan Molyneaux. “So here I am.”

“I have to say as a woman as well taking
see JOANNE page 11

Joanne Barnes named Highlander of the Year

from page 10

risks, finding money, finding friends, understanding business relationships and committing to something that I really am passionate about and sharing that with my community is very, very important to me," she said, thanking those who had helped her along the way.

The Skilled Trades and Industry Award was given to Timestone Marble and Granite, which makes kitchen and vanity countertops.

"They go out of their way to help customers realize their visions for countertops and vanities, sourcing material from as far away as Peru," the judge's comments read, noting customers had commented on friendliness and willingness to go above and beyond.

The Tourism and Hospitality Award was given to Heather Lodge on Twelve Mile Lake near Minden. Maria Micallef and James Jennings bought the adult-only resort in 2013 and have made substantial changes since then.

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They run in when everyone else is running out. They see people at their worst and they see some pretty terrible things, but they keep going back.

— WARDEN CAROL MOFFATT

handcrafted by chef James and a warm and welcoming intimate atmosphere, Heather Lodge creates an overall spectacular experience for couples of all ages," the judge's comments read. When they purchased Heather Lodge, Micallef and Jennings ran the resort by themselves. Today they have

22 employees.

The Warden's Award was one of the more emotional moments of the evening. Warden Carol Moffatt gave her speech by video as she was unable to attend the ceremony. This year she selected the firefighters of Haliburton County to be acknowledged for their commitment to creating a safe community.

Moffatt spoke from experience; she's been married to a firefighter for the last 25 years.

"They run in when everyone else is running out. They see people at their worst and they see some pretty terrible things, but they keep going back," she said.

Haliburton County has 150 volunteer firefighters serving out of 10 halls in four municipalities.

"They deal with the smashed, the bleeding, the broken and the dead and for that they take home a couple thousand dollars pay," Moffatt said.

Fire chiefs from the four municipalities were present to accept the award.

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Presenters Kyle Brewer, left, and Curtis Eastmure of K. Brewer Financial Services, far right, stand with Rick Lowes and Kaitlyn Livingston of Moose FM who accepted the Business Achievement Award. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Jason Cochrane of Dollo's Foodland, Stevi Young of Highland Glass & Windows, Ryan Urquhart of Halco Electronics, Ian Anderson of Chaulk Woodworking, Heather Kennedy of The Highlander, Cody Cox of Todd's Independent, Gail Crowe of Remedy's, Sandra Stevens of Pinestone Resort, Paul Walker of Walker's Home Hardware, Terri Johnson of HHHS Long Term Care. Absent recipients were Dave Adams of Sir Sam's Inn and Vicki Fraser of Haliburton County Public Library. /DARREN LUM Staff

And The Winner Is: *Congratulations To Everyone!*

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On behalf of the 150 volunteer firefighters of Haliburton County from left, Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan and Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove accepted the Warden's Award. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Wintergreen Pancake Barn,
Danielle Meredith Photography,
Haliburton Chiropractic, Pretty Paws,
Smokin' Jakes BBQ Shack, TD Bank,
Walker's Home Hardware*

And The Winner Is:
Big Hawk Lake Marina



Big Hawk Lake Marina owners Ron and Kathy Socha won this year's Customer First - Business Award. They stand with presenter Donna Enright. /DARREN LUM Staff

Entrepreneur of the Year

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Nominees

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Jerry Walker (Walker's Home Hardware),
Trevor Chaulk (Chaulk Woodworking),
Jim Love (Digital Reno),
Shane Leach (Smokin' Jakes BBQ Shack),
Terri Matthews-Carl & Christoph Carl
(Rhubarb Restaurant & Boshkung Brewing)
JoAnne Sharpley
(JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports)*



Jim Love of Digital Reno, left, won this year's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He stands with presenter Matthew Roberts, main event sponsor Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems. /DARREN LUM Staff

And The Winner Is: *Digital Reno*

The Honourary Member Chamber of Commerce awarded to:

Mike Jaycock



The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce president Jerry Walker, left, presents the Honourary Member Chamber of Commerce Award to Mike Jaycock. The Chamber surprised Jaycock with the award, recognizing his 10 years as MC of the event. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Presenter Richard Wannan of Bank of Montreal Haliburton stands with the Not-for-Profit of the Year Award recipient Joanne Barnes of Fuel for Warmth. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Red Hawks win COSSA silver

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A few stood while others remained seated, applauding the home team following the lopsided loss.

Few, if any, fans left before the conclusion of the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship final between the home side's Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team and visiting Nicholson Catholic College, located in Belleville.

Although Nicholson handily beat the Hawks 58-40, who jumped out to a 17-2 lead by the end of the first quarter, the way the fans showed their appreciation was something not lost on the Hawks' head coach Dave Waito and his players (Devon Bangay, Jalen Campbell, Travis Carroll, Drew Van Lieshout, McKay Coneybeare, Caleb Schmidt, Hunter Smith and Nick Thompson), who inspired everyone that followed the team in their season.

"On a Friday night at 6 o'clock there's a hundred people to watch is a pretty cool thing," he said.

Even in defeat, he said, this team will move on from this final in ways more important than the game.

"It's been a pleasure and an honour working with guys who have been committed like these guys have and they're all really good young men. I think they'll do really good things outside of basketball," he said. "Sports isn't just about winning it's about building a lot of character and about developing a work ethic that transfers into a lot of other areas of your life ... It's been a special group and a special four years."

This success was part of a four-year plan that he started with this group back in Grade 9.

He remembers telling them their commitment and the measure of their success will be achieved in Grade 12.



The Red Hawks guard Caleb Schmidt collides with a St. Paul's Falcons defender on a shot in the COSSA semi-finals on Friday, Feb. 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks won 41-25 and advanced to the final. /DARREN LUM Staff

None of the players or him, he said, imagined "hardware" was part of the success.

The team's rise was noticed not just here by those closest to the Hawks, but in the surrounding area.

"Even around the league, not just in the town itself, I think we've turned some heads and we've shown that level of commitment that the boys have shown to the program. It breeds success and it makes real things happen," he said.

Waito received messages from coaches around the league, complimenting the team's ascent to the top of the standings.

Nicholson head coach Tim Coates said his team played well overall in the win.

He credited the home team on offence.

"Give credit to Haliburton some of the things they did offensively caused problems for us," he said.

Nicholson, who finished 11-0 in the Bay of Quinte Basketball League and then went undefeated (3-0) in Bay of Quinte playoffs, played in AA for close to 12 years before they announced they were dropping to A level of competition a week before COSSA.

This switch proved advantageous, as the tougher competition in AA raised their game, he said.

Before the COSSA tournament, which included junior teams, chaos was on order.

Initially this tournament was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, before two successive snow days proved to be the main ingredient for a recipe of trouble. Brock High School's senior team and St. Thomas Titans junior team were unable to make it because of transportation issues. Brock's school buses were not running because of a snow day, preventing them from coming while the Titans could not hire a bus. Neither came.

Earlier in the day, the Hawks beat St. Paul's Falcons 41-25.

Following this game, Nicholson was supposed to have played Brock. With Brock's absence, the gap in the schedule enabled Nicholson to play well-rested for the 4 p.m. COSSA final.

Waito doesn't want to use the turmoil as an excuse, but acknowledges it probably factored.

"The day's schedule changed quite a bit. I think it played some factor into keeping heads focused. I think at the same time they were there and plugged in and showed in that first game they were ready. It probably had some impact on the first quarter of the game that Nicholson hadn't had a game today so they were much more well-rested than we were, having just finished a hard game ... it may have. We'll never know for sure."

Waito said the highlight of the season for him came on this day.

"I think getting to a COSSA final ... that was our goal from the beginning of the year and to some that might have seemed a lofty goal. I think it didn't end quite the way we wanted, but the guys weren't hanging their heads in the change room because I think they have a pretty good perspective about what all this has meant," he said.

He adds beating I.E. Weldon Secondary School this season was special. This included the road win, which left the Hawks with the best record (7-1) in the Kawartha West Basketball League and the triple overtime win here in Haliburton.

"That's a team I've never beat before this year," he said, referring to the perennial contender as a team beat.

Like the T-shirts with "Haliburton Uprising" worn by the Hawks' players, the team is representative of a new movement.



The Red Hawks forward Hunter Smith, in white, stops because of Nicholson's defender Koyla Jelovac in the COSSA final on Friday, Feb. 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks lost 58-40. /DARREN LUM Staff

With Tuesday night pick-up basketball having close to 40 people and 60 children ages Grade 3 to 6 out for the Steve Nash basketball program in the spring, the sport is coming into its own here.

Before this popularity surge, the team was working from a long-term plan, which paid off this season and, hopefully, for the future, Waito said.

"Our guys were working from something they had to believe in this plan ... it wasn't tangible. It was abstract, right? They had not seen a group go through and be successful in basketball in this way, right? They had to believe in something they didn't really know how it was going to look or how it was supposed to look, but ... hopefully they gave the junior team this year and those younger guys in the Steve Nash group, they've given them something to aim towards and look up to, right? I think that is a pretty cool thing to say if we can take out of the four years a legacy for Haliburton basketball is a pretty cool thing," he said.

Hawks notes: Co-captain Travis Carroll scored a bucket and was perfect from the line in the first quarter for all of the team's four points. Point guard McKay Coneybeare lit it up, scoring a career high 14 points by sinking four three-pointers and a pair of deuces. Co-captain Hunter Smith led his team with 12 points in the second half and finished with 15 for the game.

The Hawks had a much better second half, scoring 24 points and allowing 28.

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County receives \$4,000 for Rail Trail study

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation funds local environmental projects across Canada. The County of Haliburton is the recipient of a grant of \$4,000 to embark upon a year long collaborative study of the biodiversity of the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

TAG, the committee for the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway, initiated the grant application and will act as project co-ordinator on a voluntary basis. Environmental biologist Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services – well known to Haliburton residents for his work with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust – has been engaged as the primary consultant for the project. But the entire community is invited to take part throughout the upcoming seasons as amateur biodiversity observers.

On April 3, the Sunday Rambles will return to the Haliburton County Rail Trail and ramblers of all ages will have the opportunity to learn about what to look for in the five habitat types that Heaven will profile in the study. These will be illustrated on portable display boards that will travel around to community events, such as fairs, festivals, and farmers markets. The five habitat types in order of their prevalence on the trail are: marsh/ shallow aquatic wetlands, treed swamp, grassland, thicket swamp and upland forest. Everyone is welcomed to discover the wealth of critters and plants that can be viewed up close along the old railbed stretching from Haliburton Village to Kinmount.

The idea for this type of project has been kicking around the community for a long time. J.D. Hodgson Elementary teacher and naturalist, Ed Poropat has long wanted to see an inventory conducted of all the species along the trail.

This will just be a start, but will dovetail nicely with a U-Links project to catalogue Don Smith's rail trail field notes. Retired Carleton University biology professor Don Smith is famous for his pocket notes that he has rigorously recorded for over a decade. Look out for that project at the upcoming Celebration of Research on March 19, 1 to 4 p.m., at Fleming College, Haliburton. *For more info about the Natural Heritage Study or the Sunday Rambles, please call Pamela Marsales at 705-457-4767.*



Toronto Dominion Minden branch manager Carol Patrick, left, presents a \$4,000 cheque to Haliburton County director of public works Craig Douglas, who accepted the money on behalf of the county for the Natural Heritage Study, a year long collaborative study of the biodiversity of the Haliburton County Rail Trail. This study's primary consultant is local environmental biologist Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services, who will work with the Toronto Algonquin Greenway (TAG) committee chairperson Ute Wright and coordinator Pamela Marsales. The grant money comes from TD's Friends of the Environment Foundation, which funds local environmental projects across the country. TAG, which initiated the grant application, welcomes community members to be "amateur biodiversity observers." /DARREN LUM Staff

Junior Book of the Month

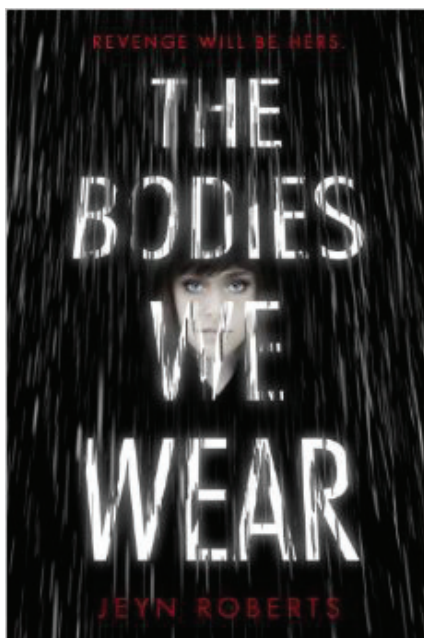
The Bodies We Wear by Jeyn Roberts

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The Bodies We Wear by Jeyn Roberts has been a popular choice among students in the HHSS White Pine book club. The White Pine Award celebrates Canadian YA and is part of the OLA's Forest of Reading.

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Hawks grapplers ready to join the best

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Simply amazing.

In the Red Hawks wrestling team's 12 year history there has always been at least one member who has earned an Ontario Federation Sports Athletic Association (OFSAA) championship berth.

This year wasn't any different, except there will be three Hawks, AJ Gillam, Sonora Plumb and Shane O'Reilly, who earned the right to compete at the all-provincials because of their Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship performances on Feb. 17 at the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute in Peterborough.

Coach Dan Fockler, who has been with the team for the entire dozen years with Paul Klose, gave context for the team's perennial success.

"You always feel bad for the ones that didn't make it and should have," he said.

It's this attitude that has been the hallmark of the team and has served its members well.

This year's group of all-provincial competitors are just as selfless as previous wrestlers and they are fittingly a reflection of their humble coaches, who regularly deflect credit for the team's success.

Second year wrestler Plumb (51 kilograms), who won silver at the COSSA championship, carefully chooses her words about the opportunity to compete at the all-provincials.

"I wouldn't brag to anyone about it or anything. I'm not an overly super competitive person. I was laughing when I heard I got into OFSAA. I'm in it for the experience more than being competitive and about learning things," she said, referring to her berth.

Plumb wished a few of her female teammates could have gone on to the all-provincials with her.

"I kind of wanted some of the other girls to go on [to provincials] because it means more to them, but just because I'm not competitive does not mean I'm not going to try for it. It's just not going to be the worst thing in the world if it doesn't go how I want it to," she said.

The Grade 11 is the smallest of the three, but Fockler revealed there is an undeniable competitive fire that burns within her equal to any of the other teammates.

"There's certainly an internal drive to do her best and I think that is healthy. She wants to do her best, which might not necessarily win the tournament, but in the long run it's a

nice head space to be," he said.

She has a great ability to adjust to her competitors, which is due to her strength of being able to execute counter moves.

The veteran of the trio with three years of wrestling experience, Gillam (77 kilograms) sees his OFSAA berth as a testament to the many hours of work and time he has invested in the sport.

"I've been waiting for it to come and I've been working every day to get further and further," he said.

Last year the Grade 11 student with the thick chest and bulging arms finished fifth at COSSA. He was hungry for improvement this year.

Although the top two of each category advanced to OFSAA, Gillam completed his day by winning his challenge match to beat out the silver medal winner for the berth.

His day started with a loss in his first match at COSSA, but he put together a great wrestling performance when he strung together five consecutive match wins, including his challenge match on the consolation of the bracket.

Fockler loved to see his veteran qualify in a tough weight class.

"That takes some grit to fight through on the backside of a tournament and come out in the finals. That was great," he said.

Wrestling success is a family affair, as younger brother Keagan earned a berth to OFSAA wrestling last year.

Rookie O'Reilly (83 kilograms), who towers over both of his teammates, is a giant in height and girth.

This isn't his first OFSAA berth in his athletic career at the school.

Two years ago in Grade 9 he went to the all-provincials for track and field, competing in javelin.

"The feeling of going to OFSAA I don't think ever will change. It's just one of those things that is so crazy to actually go to. You just can't adapt to," he said. "I'm still really nervous, but I did well. You never know how you'll do."

O'Reilly dominated Kawartha and COSSA, beating all of his opponents for championship titles at both levels. The Kawartha title earned him a bye at COSSA.

He tells his teammates that the all-provincials is unlike any competition at the region or district level.

"When you go to OFSAA it's a worlds apart [from other competitions]," he said, referring to the crowds, corporate advertising evident and the field of competitors, who are



The Red Hawks wrestlers AJ Gillam (77 kilograms), left, Sonora Plumb (51 kilograms) and Shane O'Reilly (83 kilograms) have advanced to OFSAA taking place from Feb. 29 to March 2 in Windsor. They are all excited at the opportunity to compete at the all-provincials./DARREN LUM Staff

all capable of winning.

Being a first-year wrestler, O'Reilly said the reason for his success is simple.

"When I initially try something I tend to try and do my best that I can. I don't know I guess it pans out in my favour most of the times," he said.

Fockler said O'Reilly, who has done well in his rookie season to learn and to perform, is still working on technique and has the potential to improve.

"He's just so strong," he said. "We're hoping he comes back next year."

Fockler and Klose are appreciative of the help they received this season.

The team's coaching staff included assistant coaches and Hawks' alumni Josh Dennys and Christianna Walker.

Fockler wants the momentum of this all-provincial experience to carry forward into next year.

"Regardless of how we do [this] week hopefully that will carry us through next season. Best case scenario they see what OFSAA is like and come back hungry," he said.



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Denyer's rink prevails, winning COSSA title

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

All they need to do now is to win gold at the all-provincials to have the perfect season.

However the skip of the Red Hawks girls' curling team Alyssa Denyer said in an email she is proud of her team for earning its first COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) title and first OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship) berth in Omeme on Friday, Feb. 26.

The team of Tori Hawley, Alanna Casper and Emily Parish also won the Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships title earlier in February.

Denyer said she was "super proud of the team for making it to OFSAA! That alone on top of our [Gore] provincial win makes for an amazing season, no matter what happens at OFSAA."

She adds, "I know if we play like we played at the provincials, we will certainly be a force to be reckoned with!"

The Hawks went undefeated in three games to earn their title and a berth to OFSAA from March 7 to 10 in North Bay. Their first was against St. Theresa's, the second against cross-town rival Fenelon Falls Secondary School and the last game against Picton.

Denyer said the toughest challenge the team faced was against St. Theresa's, who "could draw really well."

The team, she said, adapted and won.

Originally the COSSA championship was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Haliburton Curling Club. A snow day for Wednesday and Thursday cancelled school buses moving the championship to Omeme because of scheduling conflicts.

It proved to be unfortunate for fans and family, but it enabled an ill Denyer to recover over the two days.

The COSSA championship did not include a final title game. It was structured as a round-robin format, which provides its own set of challenges, Denyer said.

The "round robin changes the attitude you have for each game because the little losses can make a big difference in whether you advance through or not. Shootout scores are also very important (each player on the team does a draw to the button and points are awarded depending on how close you get) the higher the score the better, when there is a tie, it is normally broken by shootout scores," she said.

Denyer adds at the championship the team managed "three out of four of our shots were partially on the button so we ended up with the highest shootout score."

The team's success for this title and the entire season is built on a foundation of friendship the past few years.

"Our chemistry definitely makes success and losing easier, because we are always able to keep each other grounded and support each other during tough games, rather than blaming each other and getting angry. And winning just feels a whole lot better when it's with good friends," she said.

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Any person having an interest in being appointed to either the Haliburton County Library Board or the Joint Accessibility Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than **Friday, March 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

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Girls continue OWHA playdowns in Keene

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets continued their OWHA playdowns on Saturday, Feb. 27 in Keene. The afternoon match-up was the second against Keene and Game 4 of their six-game format playing all teams in a home-and-home round robin to determine the one team to advance to the all-Ontario provincial finals. The Jets peppered the Wolverine tender but could not fire anything past the goalie. The game remained scoreless after two periods with the Jets having the bulk of the scoring chances. Early into the third period, Keene capitalized on a rebound to break the 0-0 tie. The Jets tried to find the equalizer but were not successful. The final score remained 1-0 in favour of the Wolverines. The loss puts Bancroft with a OWHA playdown record one win, two losses – and one tie ... they will need some help now to earn a spot in the April provincial championships. The Jets will try to play spoiler and possibly find a way into the all-Ontario finals with their last two games against Cold Creek. The Jets play Cold Creek on Monday, Feb. 29 in Bancroft at 7 p.m. in their third game of their second round of their LLFHL play-off finals. The Jets lead the four point series – three points to one. Bancroft also plays the Comets in their last two games of the OWHA playdowns on Saturday, March 5 at 1 p.m. on the road in Frankford and then Sunday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. Go Jets! As you try to win-out your last games to advance to the LLFHL final round and possibly the OWHA provincial finals.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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Talking the talk and salad days

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse after my chiding in last week's column about never receiving a real letter I am eagerly awaiting one's arrival. From its far north posting tomorrow when the mail goes out travel time will be seventeen days. Son David has remained close with his high school friend another David nicknamed Troy also married to a Rita. They both have cottages on Crystal Lake and over New Year's Eve caught up with family happenings. Troy's oldest daughter was there on a Christmas school break from her teaching position in Nunavut. She described the everyday darkness and cold temperatures made more tolerable by the warmth she felt for and received from the children in her care. Many years ago in my "salad days" like so many other young people of that generation the idea of going overseas with an aid agency appealed but was never acted on. This young lady not only "talked the talk" but "walked the walk." My enquiry as to any materials she might need is likely as naive as those very early thoughts. In reality what is needed is the enthusiasm for adventure. the ability to

adjust to new surroundings and cultural experiences and the desire to make a difference. All these qualities she has and more.

According to the familiar saying from all weather projections today March 1st is going to come in as a lion and if so should go out like a lamb.. Mark your March calendars now for an Easter Dinner at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount on Saturday, March 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes baked ham, oven roasted herbed potatoes, veggies, honey cornbread plus dessert and beverage. The Dinner is by donation with kids under ten years free.

Remember too that Daylight Savings Time returns early (officially at 2 a.m.) on Sunday, March 13. Expect to once again put up with some whining from this source having finally adjusted to the last change. I am definitely a morning person completing several tasks well before noon. If some one chooses to get up an hour earlier to get a head start be my guest.

The annual "World Day of Prayer" service will be held this Friday, March 4 at Kinmount United Church beginning at 2 p.m. The featured country is Cuba and the program is normally designed by the women of that featured country. Cuba, a very popular travel destination for Canadians, has been much in our news lately with President Obama sched-

uled to make a historic visit there this month. All are most welcome to attend this Service.

The second General Meeting and Community Gathering for 2016 of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be held this Saturday, March 5 at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to identify and clarify concerns, meet new neighbours and at this meeting be introduced to the new Executive. While politics at the provincial and federal levels are extremely important municipal government decisions directly affect our households and lifestyles and as such deserving of ratepayers' attention and involvement. I have been following with interest and some confusion the political process of our neighbours to the south. Today "Super Tuesday" there will be voting in twelve states and one territory with critical outcomes for the candidates. Watching the debates my favourite quote was from Dr. Ben Carson who frustrated at basically being ignored by the moderators and other candidates on stage said "I wish someone would attack me."

There are so many ongoing activities for all ages here in Kinmount with the website kinmount.ca and the monthly Kinmount Gazette newspaper are good sources for information. These range from pre-school programs both at the Community Centre and the Library, for

school aged children the Brownies Monday evenings at the Community centre and after-school drop-ins at the Library, special instruction in Yoga, Tai Chi and Highland Dancing, Darts, Bingo and weekly cards at the Legion and much more.

Until next week keep busy and well, they go together...

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County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Feb. 22 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Sandy McKay 5,090, Ross Davies 5,020, Pearl Foster 4,240 and Jackie Metcalf 4,110. Bruce Armstrong accepted the Lucky Loonie while Doug and our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh had a Small Slam.

Feb. 23 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Topping the charts was Jan Heaven 5,300 then Catherine Kellett 4,800 and our reporter Nancy Ballantyne 4,740. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Gareth Kellett and Nancy Ballantyne.

Feb. 23 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place at 315 was the duo of Bev Alexander and Maxine Snell with Joan Bell and George Hamilton second at 285. Connie Sawyer and Anne Manning claimed third spot at 201 while the low of 110 was posted by our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Ray Lymer.

Feb. 23 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Marshall 283, Shirley Milne 273 and tied for third at 233 Clare Obdam and Dorothy McElwain. First for the gents at 272 was Jesse Barlow followed by Bruce Metcalf 256 with a tie for third place between Albert Foster and Al McMullen both at 243. Shirley Milne won the major draw with Tom Grix, Muriel McIntosh and Pat Norman claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Diane Wigley, Theresa Deak, Al McMullen, Tom Grix and Bev Johnson took the moonshots.

Feb. 23 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that Deanna Cooper held the most lone hands with Shirley Davis high lady and Betty Hicks low. For the gents Terry Davis took top marks with the low man [again] preferring to remain anonymous. Betty Hicks also claimed the special prize.

Feb. 24 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Irena and Alek Zworski led at 65 percent then Linda Cherry

and Lois Emmerson 48 percent.

Feb. 25 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Harold Harvie with Theresa Deak and our reporter Tom Grix posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Elaine Smith and Kaye Bull with Clara Miscio, Theresa Deak, Blanche Carr and Neil Darby taking home the other prizes.

Feb. 26 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Mary Johnson and Joan Davies at 63 percent with Irena and Alek Zworski next at 55 percent.

Feb. 26 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Arthur Forbes won for high hands, Jean Randell for lone hands, Lil Mann for low hands and Ellen Holden For the special prize.

Feb. 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Ron Morrison 371, our reporter Rose Isaacson 272 and Sam Gaudet 264. Pauline Franzen won the draw with Dana Briscoe claiming the single moonshot of the day.

Feb. 29 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Howard Smith, for lone hands Bev Johnson, for low hands Eileen Shepstone and for the special prize Peter O'Reilly. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

Feb. 29 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Please note that the Club has been holding this event temporarily at Minden United Church while renovations continue. While there is no date set as yet for return to St. Paul's Tim Sharpe advises that those who attend cards regularly will be notified in advance. From Tim the news that Pearl Cowen and Don Blakey took most lone hand honours with Yvonne Arbuthnot and Lil Mann posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lyn Preston who also won the special prize.

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Easter egg workshop March 12

DORSET NEWS

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The next Dorset Ladies Night is on Tuesday, March 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. It will be another Chick Flick Movie Night and the movie will be Letters to Juliet. “While

visiting Verona, Italy, with her busy fiancé, a young woman named Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) visits a wall where the heartbroken leave notes to Shakespeare’s tragic heroine, Juliet Capulet. Finding one such letter from 1957, Sophie decides to write to its now elderly author, Claire (Vanessa Redgrave). Inspired by Sophie’s actions, Claire sets out to find her long-lost lover, accompanied by her disapproving grandson (Christopher Egan) and Sophie.” Roger Ebert gave it a

three out of four – sounds like a good one! Come out for some popcorn and fun! Please RSVP by emailing recreation@algonquin-highlands.ca or by calling 705-766-9968, thank you!

The 13th annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop is taking place at the Dorset Rec Centre on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join instructor Ginger Kulas to learn the history of “pysanky,” the meaning of the symbols and to create a beautifully decorated egg using the wax resist method with beeswax and a “kistka.” Space is limited and registration by March 9 is mandatory. This workshop fills quickly so call now! The workshop is geared towards adults with a minimum age of 10 for participants. The cost is \$5 per person. Please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to register, thank you!

Dorset Cooking Club with integrative nutrition health coach Sam Allard is happening on Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. Come for a bowl of Irish Potato Soup, learn how to make it and take some home for only \$10 per person. Email info@samanthawellness.com for more information or to register (at least 48 hours in advance required).

Dorset Indoor Soccer for boys and girls ages five to 14 is taking place on Thursdays from March 24 to April 28 (6 weeks) at the Dorset Rec Centre. Ages 5 to 9 are from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 10 to 14 are from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes t-shirt, use of

equipment and 6 weeks of instruction with head coach Charlie Scott-field. This is a non-competitive skills building program – perfect timing for getting a head start on the 2016 season and open to all youth and families. Registration is required – please call or email the recreation centre. Sponsors and volunteers are welcome!

This in from Vina Parker: “Hi potential Team Dorset members. I have set up team Dorset for Hike for Hospice 2016. If you would like to be on the team let me know and I’ll send you info on how to register and become a team member. What will you have to do? Enthusiastically spread word about services and programs Hospice Huntsville provides while collecting donations for Hospice Huntsville. If you are comfortable, share donation site by email and other social media. Connect with other connectors to share our donation site. Invite other connectors to join the team. If comfortable ask local business to sponsor/make a donation to Team Dorset. Donations can be made through our Team Dorset page or through pledge forms. Let me know if you would like to join the team.” Contact Vina at vlp@telizon.ca or 705-755-1810.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 28 to March 5 go out to James Radley, Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown and Lorraine Cyopick. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION Subsection 51(20) of the Planning Act Section 3, O.Reg. 544/06

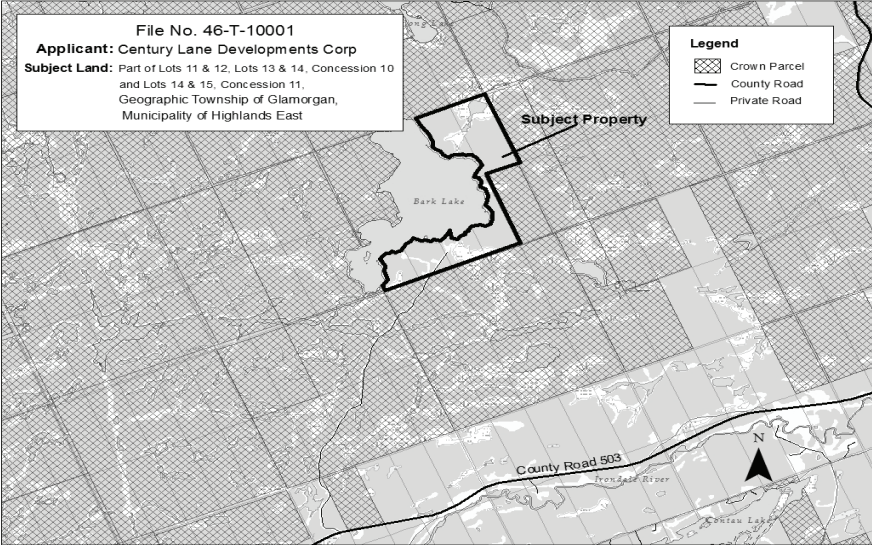
File No.: 46-T-10001
Subject Land: Part of Lots 11 & 12, Lots 13 & 14, Concession 10 and Lots 14 & 15, Concession 11
Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Municipality of Highlands East
Applicant: CENTURY LANE DEVELOPMENTS CORP.

TAKE NOTICE: An amended application for Plan of Subdivision has been submitted to the County of Haliburton, the approval authority in these matters. The amended application has been reviewed and has been found to be complete.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The amended application proposes to create 83 subdivision lots and 11 blocks. The 11 blocks represent the private road, communal water, communal sewage treatment plant, maintenance yard and community centre. All private services will be developed through a common element condominium. Access to the site is from a private road which crosses Crown land.

PUBLIC MEETING: Submissions regarding the Application for Plan of Subdivision will be heard by the Council for the County of Haliburton on the date, time and place listed below:

DATE: March 23, 2016
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden Ontario



IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A decision will be made by the Council of County of Haliburton once the public meeting and review of the proposal has been completed. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: The communal components are subject to Schedule “C” Class Environmental Assessment requirements. An integrated approach under the Planning Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is being used for the services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 3rd day of March, 2016.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Bark Lake Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Integrated Approach – Planning Act and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (Schedule ‘C’ Class EA Requirements)

The Study

Century Lane Developments Inc. is the owner of the former Bark Lake Leadership Camp and Resort Facility. This parcel of land as displayed on the adjacent map consists of approximately 147 hectares and is located on lands north of Glamorgan Township approximately 4.5 km north of Highway 503 and 8.5 km northwest of Gooderham and is described legally as Lots 11 & 12, Lots 13 & 14, Concession 10 and Lots 14 & 15, Concession 11. A draft plan of subdivision has been submitted to the County of Haliburton that includes 95 freehold lots, all intended for single detached dwellings. The development will be fully serviced for water supply and sewage treatment.

Integrated Approach

The infrastructure improvements for this proposed subdivision are being planned using an ‘Integrated Approach’ to meet the requirements of both the Planning Act and Environmental Assessment Act. The project has addressed the Planning Act subdivision approvals requirements, and the Schedule ‘C’ Class Environmental Assessment requirements for the water supply and sewage treatment improvements required to service the proposed development.

In accordance with the integrated approach, once the owner has satisfied the Environmental Assessment requirements, the Planning Act approval of subdivision will constitute the fulfillment of the requirements of the Environmental Assessment for the specified improvements to water supply and sewage treatment facilities.

Public Meeting

A Public Meeting to present the final plans for the subdivision, water supply and sewage treatment facilities will be held as follows. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to view these plans, learn more about the project and to provide questions or comment.

DATE: Wednesday March 23, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building

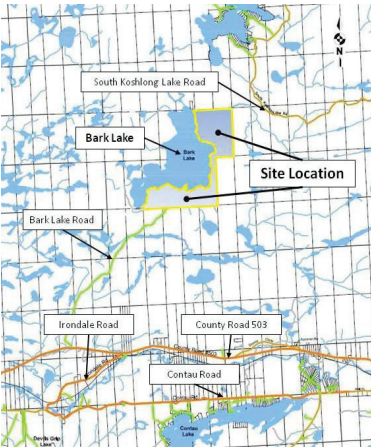
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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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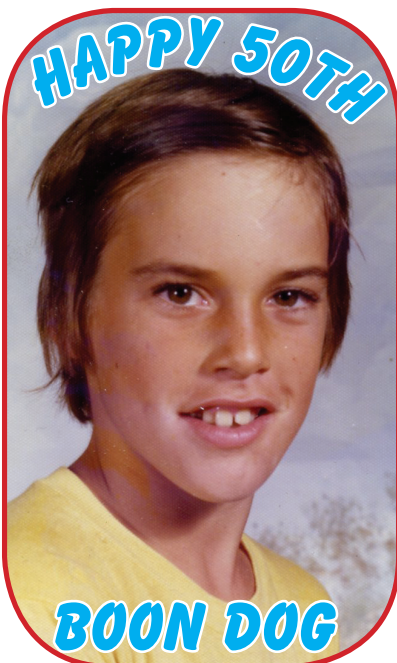
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. Then to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kinmount for a Memorial Mass on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1:30 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 (upstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Peterborough Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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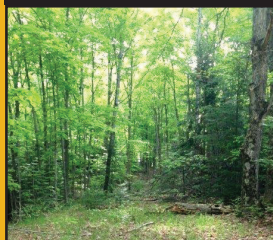
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